

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 123

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A RESOLUTION to continue the special joint committee created by Senate Joint Resolution No. 745 of the 104th General Assembly to study the "Tennessee Voter Confidence Act of 2006" and issues related thereto.

WHEREAS, by Senate Joint Resolution No. 745 adopted in 2006, the General Assembly created a special joint committee to perform a comprehensive analysis of the "Tennessee Voter Confidence Act of 2006," which was filed as Senate Bill 3457 and House Bill 3211, and the issue of voter-verified paper ballots in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, although the joint committee was unable to comply with the March 1, 2007 reporting deadline, it is the opinion of the joint committee that it will complete its work and will be better able to study the issue with more information from the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations which is conducting an election study; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the special joint committee created by Senate Joint Resolution No. 745 of the 104th General Assembly to perform a comprehensive analysis of the "Tennessee Voter Confidence Act of 2006," which was filed as Senate Bill 3457 and House Bill 3211, and the issue of voter-verified paper ballots in Tennessee be continued. That the membership of such special joint committee shall be composed of the same members as constituted the membership of the committee created by Senate Joint Resolution No. 745, and the officers shall remain the same as the officers of the committee created by Senate Joint Resolution No. 745.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) which is studying the issue of voter-verified paper audit trails and related issues, shall make a report to the special joint committee by April 16, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports to the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly, by February 15, 2008, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.